

SUPPLEMENTAL
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert A. Jensen on April 30, 2008.

In the claims, amend claim 12 to depend from claim 8.

12. [(Previously presented)] (Currently Amended) The distributed coupler of claim [9] 8, wherein the first capacitor and the second capacitor have values between 0.1 and 10 pF.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 8, 10 – 22, 24 and 25 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Nakamata et al. nor the prior art of record teaches or suggests the claimed subject matter.

Nakamata shows a coupler (COP10 – Fig. 9) which does not comprise a second capacitor with respective connections to the second line of the coupler thus fails to meet the limitation of the claims.

Furthermore, the Examiner has agreed with Applicant's arguments (August 21, 2006 beginning on page 5) with respect to previously cited prior art of Ojha where Ojha

clearly shows the first conductive line having an input port (1) where the second port is grounded terminal and where Applicant's Fig. 3 clearly show the first conductive line comprising the input and direct port, thus where first conductive line of Ojha fails to carry the main signal between an antenna and the end terminals.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DEAN O. TAKAOKA whose telephone number is (571)272-1772. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00a - 5:30p Mon - Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (571) 272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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